



Cruise Ship Freewinds hosts a fundraising art auction for Atelier '89

Saturday evening, May 5 it was art and entertainment in the lounge of the Freewinds Cruise ship as they hosted yet another fundraising event to benefit Aruban citizens. This past weekend's event consisted primarily of an art auction to of works by noted local artists Elvis Lopez, Osira Muyali and Ryan Oduber, and collective works created at the Oranjestad Kunsthuis.

Fernando Mansur and Maria Da Silva of Mosaic organized and conducted the auction, which was well attended and raised quite some funds for the cause. The proceeds of the event will support the workshops conducted by Elvis Lopez' Atelier '89, which encourage young Arubans to pursue self-expression and appreciate art. The workshops span one month of an intense program, and past workshops have included internationally recognized artists such as Dick Tuinder and Maarten de Reus as guest instructors.

The entertainment of the evening began with a recitation of his original work by young poet Wifred Jansen titled "What good have you done?" and a lovely presentation by dance diva Alydia Wever. Local singing group "The Islanders" were accompanied by the Freewinds Band during their performance.

Sponsors for the event included Tiara Air and Jolly Holdings, and the works for auction reflected the freedom and originality of expression that is encouraged at the Atelier '89. Etched glass by Elvis Lopez and a unique series of photographs by Osira Muyali, which epitomized what can be termed "Conceptual Art" sold well, and so assisted in continuing the valuable work of the art center.